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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2003. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on September 17, 2003, this Amendment is being timely filed and a Request for Extension of Time is therefore not being filed. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office should deem an extension of time to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.